

REMARKS

As proposed by the Examiner, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2. Furthermore, the phrase "essential amino acids required by said mammal," has been deleted as explained further below. Reconsideration and allowance of the amended claim is respectfully requested.

The Office Action mailed April 20, 2007 concluded on page 21 with the statement, "Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim (claim 1), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Applicant has taken the direction of the Examiner and combined claims 1 and 2 and the resulting claim is presented in independent form.

Furthermore, it is noted that on page 3 of the Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because it was stated that the phrase "said composition comprising the essential amino acids required by said mammal" was indefinite and lacked an antecedent basis. This phrase has been deleted since it is superfluous in view of the amendment incorporating the specific amino acids recited in claim 2. Withdrawal of this aspect of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Finally, in view of the Examiner's above-quoted statement on page 21 of the Office Action regarding allowable subject matter, the amended claim is also believed to obviate the rejections under obviousness double patenting set forth on pages 4-10 of the Action.

Claims 2-31 are canceled, subject to presentment in a continuing application.

Allowance of amended claim 1, the sole remaining claim, is respectfully requested.

Claims 32-58 were previously subject to a restriction requirement and were withdrawn from consideration. Subject to

allowance of amended claim 1, it is acceptable for the Examiner to cancel these claims in order to proceed to allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which the Examiner may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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